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Analysis of polarized diffraction images of human red blood cells: a numerical study: supplement

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Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) for Diffraction Image Analysis

According to the introduction of Haralick, Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) algorithm summarized as mathematical and statistical texture analysis processes preformed to extract important second order statistical texture features from monochromatic images. These images represented two-dimensional pixels array, and each pixel contains a quantized grey level. The co-occurrence frequency defined for two neighboring pixels that are separated by a displacement vector. The number of the pixels having the same displacement vector (based on the distance and angle) represented as an element in gray level co-occurrence matrix.

In other words, the gray tone of a rectangular Image I with N_x horizontal resolution pixels, and N_y vertical resolution pixels is quantized by N_g levels. $L_x = \{1,2,....N_x\}$ and $L_y = \{1,2,....N_y\}$, are the horizontal and the vertical spatial domains respectively, and $G = \{1,2,....N_g\}$ is the quantized gray level tone. The set $L_x \times L_y$ represent the set of pixels of the image sorted by their row-column labels. An input image I can be regarded as a function that assigns some gray level in G to each pixel in $I_x \times I_y$. It is assumed that the texture information in an image I is contained in the overall or average spatial relationship. Let's denote P(i,j,d) as the "co-occurrence" frequency of two neighboring pixels that are separated by the displacement vector $\mathbf{d} = (d,\theta)$ with one pixel intensity of gray level i and the other of gray level j. d is the offset separation distance between the two pixels and θ is the specified angular direction, usually $(\theta = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, and 135^\circ)^{[1]}$.

A GLCM matrix P can be obtained with the elements as frequency p(i, j, d). It is easy to show that the matrix is symmetric since p(i, j, d) = p(j, i, d) and depends on the choice of d. For example, suppose an image having 4×4 pixels with gray level range from 0 to 3 as shown below^[1]:

0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1
0	2	2	2
2	2	3	3

The frequencies of the GLCM can be found for the horizontal direction $(\theta = 0)$ and d = 1:

$$P_{0^{\circ}} =$$

4	2	1	0
2	4	0	0
1	0	6	1
0	0	1	2

	4	1	0	0
$P_{45^{\circ}} =$	1	2	2	0
73	0	2	4	1
	0	0	1	0

For $(\theta = 90^{\circ})$ and d = 1 is:

	6	0	2	0
<i>P</i> _{90°} =	0	4	2	0
- 90	2	2	2	2
	0	0	2	0

For $(\theta = 135^{\circ})$ and d = 1 is:

	4	2	1	0
$P_{135^{\circ}} =$	2	4	0	0
133	1	0	6	1
	0	0	1	2

After computing the frequencies of all possible gray level pairs, the GLCM usually normalized to the total number of neighboring pixels pair for the calculated matrix $P^{[1]}$.

The following table shows the definitions for most relevant texture feature of GLCM used in image analysis:

	Parameter	Abbreviation	Mathematical definition
1	Angular Second Moment (or energy or homogeneity)	ASM	$\sum_{i=0}^{G-1} \sum_{j=0}^{G-1} \{p(i,j)\}^2$
2	Contrast (Inertia)	CON	$\sum_{k=0}^{G-1} k^2 p_{x-y}(k)$
3	Correlation	COR	$rac{\sum\limits_{i=0}^{G-1}\sum\limits_{j=o}^{G-1}(ij)p(i,j)-\mu_{x}\mu_{y}}{\sigma_{x}\sigma_{y}}$
4	Variance (Sum of Squares)	VAR	$\sum_{i=0}^{G-1} (i - \mu_x)^2 p_x(i)$
5	Inverse Difference Moment (Local Homogeneity)	IDM	$\sum_{i=0}^{G-1} \sum_{j=o}^{G-1} \frac{1}{1 + (i-j)^2} p(i,j)$
6	Sum Average	SAV	$\sum_{k=0}^{2G-2} k p_{x+y}(k)$
7	Sum Entropy	SEN	$-\sum_{k=0}^{2G-2} p_{x+y}(k) \cdot \log(p_{x+y}(k))$
8	Sum Variance	SVA	$\sum_{k=0}^{2G-2} (k - SEN)^2 p_{x+y}(k)$

9	Entropy	ENT	$-\sum_{i=0}^{G-1}\sum_{j=0}^{G-1}p(i,j)\cdot\log(p(i,j))$
10	Difference Entropy	DEN	$-\sum_{k=0}^{G-1} p_{x-y}(k) \cdot \log(p_{x-y}(k))$
11	Difference Variance	DVA	$CON - (\sum_{k=0}^{G-1} kp_{x-y}(k))^2$
12	Dissimilarity	DIS	$\sum_{i=0}^{G-1} \sum_{j=0}^{G-1} i-j \; p(i,j)$
13	Cluster shade	CLS	$=\sum_{i=0}^{G-1}\sum_{j=0}^{G-1}(i+j-2\mu_x)^3 p(i,j)$
14	Cluster Prominence	CLP	$\sum_{i=0}^{G-1} \sum_{j=o}^{G-1} (i+j-2\mu_x)^4 p(i,j)$
15	Maximum probability	MAP	$\max(p(i,j))$